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SUBJ: SOVIET EMBASSY LIKELY IN 1974

1. ALL DUBLIN MORNING PAPERS JULY 9 CONTAIN PROMINENT NEWS ARTICLES AND LEAD EDITORIALS ON REMARKS BY FONMIN FITZGERALD AFTER HIS TALK WITH GROMYKO IN HELSINKI. ALL REPORTS AGREE THAT FITZGERALD PLANS EXCHANGE EMBASSIES WITH SOVIETS IN 1974, POSSIBLY EARLY IN YEAR. TWO REPORTERS CALL THIS AN "ANNOUNCEMENT." AT MINIMUM, FITZGERALD MUST HAVE GIVEN DETAILED PRESS BRIEFING. REPORTS ALSO SAY THAT FITZGERALD'S ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS FORMAL DECISION TAKEN IN RECENT CABINET MEETING BY FULL GOI.

2. EDITORIALS GENERALLY WELCOME DECISION AND CONSIDER IT AN INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF IRISH EC MEMBERSHIP AND DESIRE TO INCREASE EXPORTS TO SOVIETS. PRO-FIANNA FAIL "IRISH PRESS" SEES NEED TO FOLLOW U.S. LEAD IN PERSUING DETENTE. ALL EDITORIALS NOTE BRITISH CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIETS WILL USE DUBLIN AS BASE FOR ESPIONAGE IN ENGLAND (SINCE THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BETWEEN IRELAND AND ENGLAND).

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ONLY PRO-GOVT "IRISH INDEPENDENT," HOWEVER, IS WORRIED

ABOUT THIS. "IRISH TIMES" BELIEVES THAT GOI MAY BE
"QUEASY" ON QUESTION OF SECURITY: "...THERE WILL BE
MANY TO SAY THAT IRELAND'S STRATEGIC POSITION HAS NO
RELEVANCE TO THE USSR. THIS IS HARDLY SO, WHEN
THIS, THE MOST WESTERLY ISLAND ON THE EDGE OF THE
ATLANTIC, IS PLAYING HOST TO A DIPLOMATIC MISSION FROM
THE COUNTRY WHICH HAS THE LARGEST SUBMARINE FLEET IN
THE WORLD." "IRISH TIMES" ALSO OFFERS FOLLOWING
OPINION: "WHATEVER ABOUT THE VALUE OF ON-THE-GROUND
SPYING, IT SEEMS FROM REPORTS ABOUT SUCH BODIES AS
THE CIA THAT THE SECRET SERVICES OF THE WORLD ARE AS
SUBJECT TO PARKINSON'S LAW AS ANY OTHER HUMAN ORGANIZATION.
IF THE RUSSIAN MISSION WERE COMPOSED OF A MAN AND A BOY
THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE USA AND BRITAIN WOULD
BE FIELDING BIGGER TEAMS HERE JUST IN CASE."

3. COMMENT: ABOVE NEWS REPORTS FROM HELSINKI ARE
ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH INFO WE HAVE RECEIVED AND
REPORTED OVER PAST YEAR. FOR BOTH THIS AND PREVIOUS
GOVT, MAIN PROBLEM IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS
HAS BEEN CONSERVATIVE IRISH PUBLIC OPINION. WE GATHER
THAT POLITICIANS NOW THINK PUBLIC IS READY TO ACCEPT
SOVIET EMBASSY IN DUBLIN.
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